

BATCHELDER-BATCHELDER.
Young People Wedded in Illini Town-ship—Other Victims of Cupid.
The marriage of Miss Lulu Batchelder and Oliver Batchelder occurred at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Batchelder of Illini township on Wednesday evening, December 26. A Rev. Arnold of Warrensburg performed the ceremony in the presence of 35 guests.
The house was decorated in smilax and carnations, the couple standing beneath an arch of the smilax and blossoms during the ceremony. Following the ceremony a wedding supper was served.
Although of the same name the young people are not related. The groom is the son of Mrs. Nate Batchelder and is one of the most prosperous young farmers of Illini township. They will reside on his farm near Boody.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kemper of this city attended the wedding.
NEWCOMER-WYKOFF.
Mrs. Lottie Wykoff and Oliver E. Newcomer were married at 5:30 Wednesday afternoon at the residence of the bride's uncle, G. Schenck, 404 East Herkimer street, Rev. Humphrey of the Christian church officiating. The wedding was a quiet home affair only the immediate relatives being present. The newly married couple left immediately after the ceremony for the home of the groom near Long Creek, where a reception was given Wednesday night.
WYANT-SIMONS.
On Wednesday at 5 p. m. at the residence of Rev. Dr. R. C. Bayly, at 800 North Main street, James G. Wyant and Mrs. Maud B. Simons were united in marriage, the doctor officiating, all of Decatur. The happy couple intend making their home in this city. The bride and groom have the good wishes of many friends.
PATTERSON-BELL.
Mrs. Pearl Bell and Asher Patterson were united in marriage Wednesday evening in Macon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Bell.
NEFF-WEISNER.
Judge Hammer at his office Wednesday married George H. Neff and Miss Cora B. Weisner, both of Taylorville.
DR. HALE DOES NOT Write Testimonials, But Does Good in Another Way.
My husband, Dr. Hale, does not write testimonials, but he always recommends to his patients the use of Postum Food Coffee, in place of common coffee.
We mix the Postum with just enough egg (white and yolk beaten together) to moisten it a little, then the Postum does not boil up around the edges of the coffee pot as it does when moistened with water alone, and we think it tastes richer and seems cleaner.
This does not take the place of continued boiling, for we have no way to get the rich taste out of Postum except by knowing that it has been allowed to boil fifteen or twenty minutes after the real boiling begins.
Many make a mistake by counting the fifteen minutes from the time they put the pot on the stove, but this I will not do. I have never had any liver trouble since I began the use of Postum, whereas before, I was constantly troubled with a sluggish liver.
Mrs. Morris Hale, 417 Quapan Ave., Hot Springs, Ark.
With the Sick.
Mrs. Dr. Pills is ill.
Mrs. McKenna, mother of Harry McKenna of the Linn & Scruggs firm, is seriously ill.
Velma Stearns, little daughter of Charles Stearns of Forsyth, is ill.
Adna Keek is confined to his home on South Webster street by illness.
Needlework Guild.
The members of the Needlework Guild have opened their headquarters in the vacant store room east of the Peddler and Barrows bank. They are receiving the clothing which has been promised them, but are not yet ready to distribute the garments among the poor.
Marriage Licenses.
Frank Crankbank, Atlanta, Ga., 20.
Lelah Muller, Decatur, 20.
James S. Wyant, Douglas county, Missouri, 25.
Maud B. Simons, Decatur, 18.
George H. Neff, Taylorville, 24.
Cora B. Weisner, Taylorville, 17.
Sent to Asylum.
Jane Joyce, aged 18 years, has been declared insane in the county court and ordered taken to the asylum. She was examined by a commission composed of Drs. John T. Milley and W. A. Dixon.
Christmas Tree.
The Turners are arranging to give a Christmas tree at their hall on Christmas. There will be a musical program and presents for the children.
PRESIDENT NOW IN ALABAMA
Continued Ovations to McKinley in the South.
SPEECH TO-DAY AT TUSKOGEE
Strong Commendation of the Booker T. Washington Institute—Race Problem for the Nation—Banquet Address at Atlanta.
TUSKOGEE, ALA., Dec. 16.—The presidential party arrived at 8 o'clock this morning. They entered carriages and were driven to the Booker T. Washington school. On receiving the party Mr. Washington said: "We welcome you all to this school where without racial bitterness, but with sympathy and friendship, with the aid of the state, with the aid of black men and white men, with southern help and northern help, we are trying to assist the nation in working out one of the greatest problems ever given man to solve. In the presence of the chief magistrate of the nation, I am glad to testify that in our efforts to teach our people to put brain, skill and dignity into the common occupation of life, we have not only the active encouragement of the people of all classes and the citizens of the little town of Tuskegee, but of the best people of the south." He then introduced Governor Johnston to welcome the president.
THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.
The president, in his speech, praised Tuskegee, the institute, its work and its founder, Booker T. Washington, in the warmest terms, as doing a great work for the colored race, and added: "One thing I like about the institute is that its policy has been generous and progressive; it is not contented or interested in its own power and ambitions, so as to ignore what is going on in the rest of the country, or to make it difficult for outsiders to share the local advantages. I will commend especially the spirit in which the annual conference has been held here by the leading colored citizens and educators, with the intention of improving the condition of their less fortunate brothers and sisters. Here, we can see, is an immense effort which cannot be too soon nor too carefully utilized. The conferences have grown in popularity and are well calculated not only to encourage colored men and colored women in individual efforts, but to cultivate, promote and animate the relations between the two races, a problem whose solution was never more needed than at the present time. Patience, moderation, self-control, knowledge and character will surely win your victories and realize the best aspirations of your people."
The president closed by urging on the students to cultivate integrity and industry as qualities which would best serve in their life work.
BANQUET SPEECH.
President McKinley delivered the following address at the peace jubilee banquet given at Atlanta last night, in responding to the toast, "Our Country":
"I am not a stranger to your hospitality. You have always given me a courteous and cordial reception. My first visit was under the auspices of your fellow citizen, Captain Howell, and another distinguished Georgian—the brilliant Grady—since called from the field of activity when he was at the height of his usefulness and when the whole nation could ill spare him and sorrowed at his untimely death."
"Then we were engaged in an economic discussion, in which honest differences of opinion prevailed and heated discussion ruled the hour. I do not forget that then, although advocating the theory of taxation seemingly opposed to the majority sentiment of your state and city, you accorded me an impartial hearing. Stranger as I was to all of you, you made me feel at home, and from that hour Atlanta won my heart. My subsequent visits have only served to increase my admiration for your enterprising city."
"Four years have gone since I last met the people of Georgia in public assembly. Much has happened in the intervening time. The nation has been at war, not within its own shores, but with a foreign power—a war waged not for revenge or aggrandizement, but for our oppressed neighbors, for their freedom and annihilation. It was short but decisive. It recorded a succession of significant victories on land and sea. It gave new honors to American arms. It has brought new problems to the republic whose solution will tax the genius of our people. United we will meet and solve them with honor to ourselves and to the last benefit of all concerned. The war brought us together; its settlement will keep us together."
"Reunited! Glorious realization! It expresses the thought of my mind and the long-deferred consummation of my heart's desire as I stand in this presence. It interprets the hearty demonstration here witnessed and is the patriotic refrain of all sections and of all lovers of the republic."
"Reunited! One country again and one country forever! Proclaim it from the press and pulpit! Teach it in the schools! Write it across the skies! The world sees and feels it! It cheers every heart, north and south, and brightens the life of every American home. Let nothing ever strain it again. At peace with all the world and with each other, what can stand in the pathway of our progress and prosperity?"
BERESFORD COMING OVER
He Will Make a Tour of America for General Information.
SHANGHAI, Dec. 16.—Lord Charles Beresford has arrived in this city with important data gathered in a journey of several months through the Chinese empire.
One of the most emphatic recommendations to the British government as a result of his trip will be the necessity of occupying Kiang-Ning as the strongest strategic point for the control of the Yangtze Valley.
Lord Beresford has been exploring China as the representative of British commercial bodies, to report on the best means of protecting and extending British interests in the Chinese empire.
He will make a tour of the United States before returning to England. From Shanghai he will proceed to Tokyo and Yokohama, Japan, whence passage will be taken to San Francisco.
GRAND ARMY DATES.
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—The executive council of the national council of administration of the Grand Army of the Republic met here yesterday, with Col. James A. Sexton, the national commander, in the chair. The purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the national encampment in this city next fall, but the only work done today was the appointment of September 4 to 9 for the encampment. The Woman's Relief Corps of the Grand Army also met to arrange the preliminaries of the women's end of the encampment. There was a reception and banquet to Colonel Sexton.
MINING PAY AT MT. VERNON
Differences to be Settled by Arbitration Next Week.
SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Dec. 16.—A joint application for the adjustment of differences was filed this morning with the state board of arbitration by the Mount Vernon Coal company and the miners over the mining scale. The company pays 40 cents. The scale fixed at the Springfield convention and demanded by the miners is 50 cents. The mines have been running steadily. Hearing will be had the latter part of next week.
DEWEY MANILA VIEWS
Now Ready to Hold Out Against the World.
INSURGENTS ARE FRIENDLY
Recommends That Back Pay be Given Filipino Volunteers—Opportunities for American Soldiers as Planters.
MANILA, Dec. 16.—Admiral Dewey believes that the insurgents are friendly, especially since our warships visited the different parts of the islands and some of our soldiers made tours of the island, preaching the gospel of peace. Some of the leaders are putting up a great show of resistance, merely for the purpose of getting the best terms possible in the final settlement. They admit that they will be unable to stand without American protection. The admiral thinks that if the United States would expend a small amount of money in settling the back pay of Aguinaldo's soldiers, it would greatly simplify things, and he considers that they are worthy of this recognition. The admiral is pleased at the movement among the American volunteers to settle here after they are discharged. He believes that there is practically an unlimited field here for planters, farmers and miners. Regarding the possibility of international complications, he thinks that Germany has abandoned her designs in the Philippines, but admits that formerly the German attitude caused him indescribable anxiety. He said in conclusion: "Prior to the arrival of the monitors I felt uneasy, but now I am ready to hold this position against the whole earth."
THE SALARY IS \$5,000.
NORMAN, ILL., Dec. 16.—Colonel Isaac Clements states that he will probably accept the appointment as governor of the home in Danville. The home will begin its existence with 3000 old soldiers as inmates. The governorship carries a salary of \$5000. Colonel Clements was a soldier of the rebellion and has been prominent in politics. He represented the Carbonado district in Congress, was penitentiary commissioner, and later was appointed to the superintendency of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home one year ago by Governor Tanner.
DENUNCIATION OF SPANIARDS
Those Who Declare Allegiance to America Put on the Black List.
MADRID, Dec. 16.—The Official Gazette of Madrid has published the following order of the government under the caption of "Traitors to Spain":
"Information having come to the minister for the colonies that Don Jose Comand Hernandez, Don Rafael Romay y Aguiayo, Don Aristides Maragallano y Lamer and other magistrates for the administration of justice under the government of Spain for the island of Porto Rico, have accepted public employment and office under the government of the United States of North America, and have proven themselves traitors to their mother country by swearing allegiance to her avowed enemy, which has annexed the jurisdiction in which these magistrates have been honored and served their native country, it is hereby ordered that these persons named, having by their action forfeited all claims upon Spain, are hereby publicly declared to be traitors, and shall forfeit all rights and claims which they might have otherwise upon their mother country for protection or benefit."
"The queen regent, in the name and for his majesty, hereby decrees that the persons named shall forfeit all honors, benefits and claims to the Spanish nation, and are declared to be traitors to their country, which has honored them."
THE COLLINS CASE
Witness Testifies That All of Her Evidence was False.
TOPEKA, KANSAS, Dec. 16.—Something of a sensation developed in the Collins murder case when Ella Buchanan was recalled and testified that her testimony given Monday that she saw a man on the roof of the Collins kitchen the morning of the murder was absolutely false. Miss Buchanan said:
"Mrs. Burnett came to see me on Brunner street the morning of the murder and told me that I was to swear that she had been to Scranton and come home, and that I met her and then we went looking for a house and saw a man on the roof of the Collins house. Mrs. Burnett told me I must swear to this or go to the penitentiary."
The witness then told how she had sworn falsely in every particular, and explained in detail how Mrs. Burnett had told her to swear and what to swear to.
INSANE.
Ida Johnson, the Woman Who Killed Her Husband at Galesburg.
GALESBURG, ILL., Dec. 16.—The third trial of Ida Johnson for the murder of her husband in 1894 came to a sudden conclusion. Judge Glenn ordered an inquiry as to her sanity, saying that he did not think her sane enough to assist her attorneys and that it would be a disgrace to the state to try her if she were found to be insane. In the inquiry the attaches, doctors and then her own lawyers testified that she is insane, and the jury returned a verdict to this effect. Judge Glenn ordered her instant removal to the Watertown asylum.
A NEW BUILDING
Is in Prospect for the Central Block.
COUNTY ASKS FOR \$800
To Quit Claim Part of the Ground Occupied by the Sidewalk on Main Street—Plans of Property Owners.
The most important step toward the creation of a business building on the present site of the Central block was taken this morning when the property owners, B. Stine, Ed Dentz and A. W. Conklin, succeeded in securing from the county a quit claim for a certain strip of property adjoining the building.
For some time past the property owners have desired to erect a building provided that they could get a little more ground. They now own the ground on which the small buildings stand. It extends from Lincoln square to Prairie avenue and is bounded on the east and west by Merchant and North Main streets. The space is only 22 feet wide and the property owners asked the county to give six feet of the sidewalk so that they would have a sufficiently wide space on which to erect a building. The sidewalk is now 16 feet wide and if the six feet are used for the building the walk on Main street will be 10 feet wide.
The ground occupied by the city sidewalk originally belonged to the county and is used by the city. If the city vacates the property it reverts back to the county and it would, therefore, be necessary for the county to quit claim the property to the persons by whom it was to be used. The supervisors agreed to do this at their meeting today for the consideration of \$800. The next step necessary will be to induce the city to vacate the property. It is understood, however, that there will be no trouble in securing such action by the city council as a new building would be of great benefit to the other property owners in the neighborhood and to the city and county. The assessment on the property would be increased about 25 per cent on account of the increased space and when the building is erected the county and city would derive even more benefit in the way of increased taxes. The new building in itself will be of benefit to the business portion of the city.
The owners of the property have not yet fully determined on their plans for the building but it is understood that the building is to be a handsome one, three stories high. It will have a frontage on all four streets and there will be no plain outside walls, so that the building will decorate both Merchant and North Main streets. With the six feet additional to the piece of ground now owned the building would be 28 feet wide.
CONGRESS.
Some Business in the Senate and House—Alleged Bribery in Ohio.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—At the meeting of the Senate committee on privileges and elections the charge of bribery against Senator Hanna, made by the Ohio state senate in connection with the senator's election to the present term of office, was briefly discussed and referred to a sub-committee for investigation.
HOUSE.
Some miscellaneous business, including the passage of several minor private bills, was disposed of at the opening session of the House today. Debate upon the bill to incorporate the international American bank was then resumed. Representative Bell of Colorado opposed the measure.
CLASH AT HAVANA NOT UNLIKELY
Strained Feeling Between the Spaniards and the Cubans.
HAVANA, Dec. 16.—The people of Havana, Spanish and Cuban, long for American occupation, the Cubans because they live in unrest and fear, the Spanish because they are here after the Spanish soldiers depart and do not wish the Cubans to become further embittered. General Arolas, the military governor of the province of Havana, is regarded by the Cubans as responsible for the violent condition of individual officers and privates. It is asserted that the feeling in General Arolas' battalions is that the attacks on Cubans which have occurred and wishes that the last days of Spanish rule here may be peaceful as he has many ears to occupy his attention. The talk among the junior Spanish officers and privates is that they ought to make their retirement from the island by killing 500 or so of the insurgents. They may be said to go about with their fingers on the triggers of their revolvers, yearning for trouble. The Cubans in by-ways and in the suburbs are often insolent, consequently further trouble may not be unlikely.
CRAZY MAN
Commits an Insane Act at Washington City—Inquiry.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The department of state has decided to secure a writ of inquiry into the sanity of the man, Pearson, who last night broke a window in the British embassy, one of the missiles striking and wounding Miss Pauncefoote. If adjudged insane he will be sent to an asylum. The matter is taken coolly at Washington. It is understood that no special action will be taken by the British ambassador. Miss Pauncefoote is confined to her bed today on account of the injury to her ankle.
Musical Culture Club.
The Musical Culture club held the regular meeting at the Woman's club rooms this morning at 10 o'clock. The following program was given:
"Could I," Tosti—Miss Ghiselle Dunfee.
"At Evening," Ludwig Schytte—Miss Montgomery.
"Forgotten," Eugene Cowles—Miss Scruggs.
"In an Enchanted Forest," McDowell—Misses Clark and Gilmore.
Literary—Miss Ullrich.
Miss Ullrich's paper was on "Musical Criticism" and was especially interesting. The next meeting will be held on January 8.
SPAIN WATCHING SENATE
Last Hope Centers in American Action.
ON THE TREATY OF PEACE
Outbreak in the Don's Curtained Deminions Is Defered by False Hopes of Division in United States.
MADRID, Dec. 16.—A semi-official note says: "As the American Senate must ratify the treaty of peace before it becomes effective, our government should wait for the ratification and not hasten to cede territory which the United States Senate may not adopt."
FRATERNIZING.
HAVANA, Dec. 16.—The United States transport Mobile arrived here yesterday afternoon with General Williston and staff, the 101st Indiana, the 3d battalion of the 2d Illinois; the signal corps detachment of the 7th army corps and the headquarters of the 1st brigade, 2d division of the corps.
While a detachment of the 2d Illinois was at breakfast on San Jose wharf, the men invited a detachment of the Spanish guard to join them. The invitation was declined at first, but finally accepted, and mutual compliments were passed in sign language.
Two battalions of the regiment marched to Quemados camp. From the houses along the route girls ran out to pin ribbons on the soldiers and wreath their hats with flowers.
General Lee's headquarters, an old mansion in the center of beautiful grounds, the women filled with roses.
CUBAN DEBT.
MADRID, Dec. 16.—The Spanish government has agreed to pay the January coupon on the Cuban debt.
LOST AND FOUND.
Woman's Careless Handling of Purse Causes Suspicion Against A Young Man.
There was a sensation of short duration but of goodly proportions while it lasted in the office of a physician of the city yesterday. A family had come from one of the neighboring towns for a day's shopping and a young man from another of the little towns of the county was in on the same errand. Both had occasion to visit this physician. The mother of the family left her purse in her hand bag in the waiting room while she and the daughter were in the consulting room. The young man was in the waiting room alone during this time. The mother returned and found her money gone from her purse. The young man had been the only one in the office. He was in the consulting room when she discovered her loss. She called the doctor at once and told her story. No one but the young man could have taken it, that was plain. What should they do? They caught of calling the police at once. While they were debating the mother shook her hand bag nervously. Something rattled. They looked in the bag and found the contents of the purse, which had slipped out as she was carrying it around. All concerned belong to the best families of the county, hence the dramatic situation.
HURRY TRIP FOR SIGSBEE.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Captain Sigbee of the Texas has been ordered to Havana by rail and steamer to take command of his ship there. The order is the result of the hasty departure of the Texas under recent orders. Captain Sigbee was at Albany at the time, and the orders to sail were obeyed so promptly that Captain Sigbee had no time to reach his ship.
Flowers are the sweetest thing that God ever made and forgot to put a soul in.—Becher.
Cotton spinners in Egypt have to work from 6 a. m. to 10 p. m. for 12 to 20.

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KIRKMAN ELECTED

Steward of Macon County
Poor Farm.

TWENTY-NINE BALLOTS TAKEN

Before Result Was Reached—The
Board This Afternoon Adjourned
Until Second Tuesday
In March.

This afternoon W. H. Kirkman was elected steward of the poor farm by the board of supervisors. Twenty-nine ballots were taken before the end was reached. The first ballot this afternoon gave Kirkman 14 and Cox and Holmes each 5. Mr. Kirkman was declared elected. The new steward is a farmer of Long Creek township, but for many years past was a tenant on the farm of J. R. Race, northeast of the city. He is a practical farmer.

FORENOON SESSION.

When the board of supervisors met this morning the election of steward of the poor farm was taken up, after several minor matters. Yesterday 14 ballots were cast without result and the matter was still undecided when the board convened again this afternoon.

Last night a caucus of Republican members of the board was held and it was understood that one man had been decided upon, but when the balloting began there was no election. Holmes had 10 votes, but he needed two more votes to be elected. The fifteenth ballot, which was the first cast today, was as follows: Cox 1, Kirkman 2, Holmes 10.

The balloting was continued and the 28th ballot resulted as follows: Cox 4, Kirkman 6, Holmes 10. On motion of Supervisor Allen the matter was deferred until 2:30 and made a special order of business for that hour.

CENTRAL BLOCK.

The matter of quit claiming a strip of ground west of the Central block, now covered by a portion of the sidewalk on North Main street between Prairie avenue and Lincoln square was disposed of. Supervisor Hockaday moved that the county receive from the property owners the sum of \$500 for the property provided the city was willing to vacate. Supervisor Nickley made an amendment that the amount be \$300, but this was lost. Supervisor Tucker made an amendment that the amount be \$1000. Supervisor Allen offered a substitute motion and Mr. Hockaday withdrew his motion. The substitute motion by Mr. Allen was that the chairman of the board of supervisors of Macon county be empowered to execute a quit claim deed to six feet of ground lying on the west side of Central block, running parallel with the same the entire length thereof, to the several owners of said property known as Central block, at the time the city of Decatur shall see fit to vacate the same, provided, however, that the said owners shall give substantial assurance, by bond or otherwise, that a good, modern brick and stone building of not less than three stories in height shall be erected thereon, and that the erection of said building shall be begun within two years from date. It is further provided that one-half of any compensation that shall be paid for the ground shall be paid into the county treasury, but that the amount shall not be less than \$500. In the event of the non-compliance of the agreement by the property owners within the two years it shall revert back to the county.

The above motion by Mr. Allen carried.

OTHER MATTERS.

The fees and salary committee reported the amounts on hand in the funds of the county superintendent as shown by his annual report.

The members of the Macon County Farmers' Institute were given permission to use the court house for their exhibition to be held January 24, 25 and 26. At noon the board adjourned until 1:30 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session of the board convened at 1:30 o'clock. The committee report recommending that County Treasurer Patterson's report be received was adopted.

The fee and salary committee recommended the payment of the claims of the county officers amounting to \$7014.82. Adopted.

The report of the committee to which was referred the county clerk's report was adopted.

The committee on pauper and poor farm claims recommended the payment of claims for furnishing supplies for the poor amounting to \$381.50.

Mrs. K. Harwood asked for the cooperation of the members of the board in making a success of the carnival which will be given by the Dorcas society when the Farmers' Institute is held. The board agreed as a committee of the whole to lend what assistance they could. The money made at the carnival is to go toward building a monument to Macon county soldiers.

On motion of Supervisor Allen the chairman appointed a committee composed of Record, Allen and Best to investigate and learn whether or not Decatur township is entitled to an election.

The supervisors of Decatur were authorized to change the tenth voting district for the convenience of the voters.

The purchasing committee was authorized to buy more chairs for the county clerk's office.

There was some discussion about the appointment of deputies to assist the sheriff. It was decided that the sheriff should be allowed to appoint what deputies he needed and the county would pay the bill, provided the sheriff was not extravagant.

It was decided that the sheriff should be allowed the full amount of the fund allowed by the state for taking prisoners to the penitentiary.

ELECTION.

The election of the steward of the poor farm was taken up and W. H. Kirkman chosen. The chairman was instructed to enter into contract with the newly elected steward and county physician. The chairman, county clerk and Supervisors Miller and Hockaday were appointed as delegates to attend the state convention at Belleville in January.

At 3 p. m. the board adjourned until the second Tuesday in March.

BLACK FRIDAY

Collier Executed in County
Jail at Urbana.Respite for Johnson, the Negro at
Danville, Just as He was About
to Start for the Gallows.

URBANA, ILL., Dec. 16.—Dick Collier of Danville was hanged in the county jail this morning for the murder of Charles Froebryant at Sidney, in September last.

10 DAYS' RESPITE.

DANVILLE, ILL., Dec. 16.—Lieutenant Governor Northcott granted respite of 10 days to John Johnson, or Pinner, who was to hang this afternoon. The respite arrived just as Johnson was ready to be taken to the gallows.

COMING HOME

Peace Commissioners to Sail Saturday
on the St. Louis.

PARIS, Dec. 16.—The American peace commissioners leave here tonight and sail for home from Havre tomorrow on the steamer St. Louis.

It is learned that Aguinaldo, representing the Philippine leader, has filed a strong protest with the commissioners, which becomes a part of the records. He terms Aguinaldo "a very noble and gallant general, president of the Philippine republic." He reviews the case at length and says that Captain Wood, commander of the Petrel, and the American consuls at Singapore, Hong Kong and Cavite, before the declaration of war, implored the armed cooperation of Aguinaldo and the other Philippine chiefs and offered to recognize the independence of the Philippines.

Sir Blanco in the Window.

The great Hereford steer, Sir Blanco, which was bred by T. F. B. Sotham at Chillicothe, Mo., has been on exhibition today at J. G. Imboden's Royal meat market on North Water street. The animal was placed in the window and all day there has been a crowd of people looking at the fine steer. Sir Blanco is a highly bred steer and has won a number of prizes. Mr. Imboden says he is one of the best steers that has been seen in the show ring for the past 20 years. In order to accommodate the large crowd of people tomorrow Sir Blanco and another steer, which is his half brother will be exhibited in the street in front of the Royal Market.

Mrs. Jerry Donahue has returned from Belleville, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. E. E. Wangelin, for two weeks.

—Frank A. Wise, formerly a private in Company H, is promoted to be corporal in Company A, 8th United States Infantry, which left Tampa, Florida, on the 14th for Havana.

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We may forgive those who bore us; we cannot forgive those whom we bore.—La Rochefoucauld.

Eight hundred thousand people still speak Welsh.

The first years of a man must make provision for the last.—Johnson.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by coughing is requested to call on H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone or W. H. Hubbard and get a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar, which always gives relief.

THE CHRISTMAS SAVINGS BOX.

It isn't Christmasy to spend any money for presents except what is your very own and when it represents sacrificed Paris hats and bonbons an added spirit goes with the remembrance on the holiday.

There is one Chicago woman who two years ago on January 1 started a penny-box into which went all her small coins and to which her husband was badgered into contributing. That penny-box grew so heavy it could not be lifted by one hand and then, November 30, burglars ransacked the flat and stole it.

"I saved on lunches all year," said a business girl, dolefully, "and had the nearest sum of Christmas money you ever saw. December 1 my cousin, belonging to the most poverty-stricken branch of the family, broke his leg and we all had to feed his wife and babies. Of course I was glad to be able to help, but—"

One Chicago woman was put to a pretty hard test last week. She is a widow and had drawn some interest money due her amounting to \$70, which she intended to spend making other people happy. Her two small boys emptied their banks and added some five dollars apiece, and the trio started downtown full of peace and goodwill only to run into a bold, bad pickpocket.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

During 1897 Nebraska marketed \$140,772,494 worth of products.

A ferry for loaded cars is talked of between Tampa, Fla., and Havana.

The swallow has a larger mouth, in proportion to its size, than any other bird.

Mississippi, which a few years ago bought hay largely from other states, now has hay to sell.

Last year Boston expended \$113,602 for the support of drunkards in the houses of correction in Suffolk county.

Splinters in vast numbers have taken possession of a house owned by Mrs. Julia Pierce, in Southport, Me., and rendered it uninhabitable.

Two notable coincidences occurred on Christmas day; that of Charlemagne, as emperor of the west, in the year 800, and that of William the Conqueror at Westminster Abbey, in 1066. Clovis, the first Christian king of France, was baptized on Christmas day, 496.

THE PRACTICAL CHEMIST.

He must inform the miner how much metal is in a certain ore.

He must be able to tell how much phosphate a specimen contains.

To the prospector he must be able to say what per cent. of metal a sample of ore will produce.

An analytical chemist must be able to discover if articles of food contain adulterations of any sort.

He must be able to tell the manufacturers of baking powder or soap, etc., what his competitors' articles contain.

He must ascertain how much a certain fertilizer will enrich the plant and how free from injurious substances it is.

To those using boilers he must be able to tell how much boiler scale the water will produce, while health commissioners and others will have water tested for its purity from a sanitary standpoint.

WHERE ARE THEY?

A few years ago 4,500,000 bronze two-cent pieces were set afloat. Three million of them are still outstanding.

Twenty million three-cent silver pieces are scattered over the United States, but it is very rarely that one is seen.

Of 800,000 half-cent pieces, which correspond in value to English farthings, not one has been returned to the government for coinage, or is held by the treasury.

It is a standing question to ask what becomes of all the pins made every year. But pins are very small, and when bent or rusty are worthless, and so it makes no difference.

What becomes of all the old coins? There are 199,900,000 old copper pennies somewhere. Nobody knows what has become of them, except that once in awhile a single specimen turns up in change.

FOR SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

Michigan has 369 log schoolhouses.

There are 27,347 public schools in Pennsylvania and 1,143,100 pupils.

Cambridge university has made Lord Kitchener, of Khartoum a doctor of laws.

The University of North Carolina will undertake the education of one student from Porto Rico and one from Cuba.

After a trial for six months of the one-session plan in the grammar schools, Baltimore has returned to the two-session plan.

The young girls of Mount Union college "struck" against gymnasium practice before a man instructor. They carried their point, and a woman "put them through the paces."

INTERESTING LONDON NOTES.

Single eyeglasses worn by women is the form taken by the latest London fashionable insanity.

Manx is the best tongue for counting, as it has 97 ways in which to say "My dear." This is the opinion of the London Manx society.

King Charles I's pale blue silk undershirt, worn by him on the scaffold and stained with his blood, brought \$1,022 at auction in London recently.

Underground London contains 34,000 miles of telegraph wires, 3,000 miles of sewers, 4,500 miles of water mains, 3,500 miles of gasmain, all definitely fixed.

BLUE AND THE GRAY

New Dove of Peace Bill Introduced in the American Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Representative Rixey of Virginia introduced a bill in the House for the admission of confederate as well as union soldiers to all soldiers' homes and institutions.

SPECIAL SALE OF

Holiday Handkerchiefs.

At BRADLEY BROS.

Few things are more acceptable for Christmas Gifts than Handkerchiefs. We have them in every sort, form, texture, quality and price. They are for men, women and children.

To Start Things Moving

And get you interested we have made prices that cannot be duplicated later. We begin with Children's Handkerchiefs at one cent each, and ascend by easy steps to Fine Real Lace and Hand Embroidered Handkerchiefs costing Ten Dollars each.

At 1c Each.

Children's Fancy Printed Handkerchiefs in Red Riding Hood and Mother Goose series.

At 2 1/2c Each.

Ladies' Plain India Linen Handkerchiefs.
Ladies' Printed Handkerchiefs.
Children's Plain India Linen Handkerchiefs.
Children's Printed Handkerchiefs.
These are the regular 5c kind.

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Ladies' Hemstitched Pure Irish Linen Handkerchiefs.
Ladies' St. Gall Embroidered and Scalloped Handkerchiefs.
Ladies' Plain India Linen Handkerchiefs. Edged with Valenciennes Lace.
Ladies' Colored Japonet Handkerchiefs.
Ladies' Embroidered and Lace Trimmed Handkerchiefs.
Ladies' Pointed H. S. Handkerchiefs.
Ladies' Mourning H. S. Handkerchiefs.

At 10c Each.

Ladies' Plain H. S. Irish Linen Handkerchiefs.
Ladies' India Linen Handkerchiefs, trimmed with Valenciennes Lace Inserting and Lace Edges.
Ladies' Plain H. S. and Initial Handkerchiefs.
Ladies' Belfast Embroidered and H. S. Handkerchiefs.
Ladies' Embroidered and Scalloped Handkerchiefs.
Ladies' Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, hand hemstitched.

Bradley Bros.
DRY GOODS & MILLINERY
Decatur, Ill.

maintained by the government. The text follows: "That after the passage of this act all soldiers' homes and other institutions maintained by the government for maimed, crippled and needy soldiers and sailors of the United States, shall be open to all soldiers and sailors of the civil war of 1861-65, upon the same terms, without discrimination, whether they enlisted upon the side of the union or the confederacy."

Of Interest to the Ladies.

We will put on sale Saturday morning, December 17, a large lot of remnants from our millinery and trimming departments, in lengths of from one yard up to three yards. Suitable for crush collar fronts, etc. Plain figured, brocade and fancy woven. All must go at any price that will close them out quick. S. G. Hatch & Bro., J. W. Race, Assignees.—16-23t

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

ODD NOTES FOR THE WOMEN.

Over 12,000 Irish girls are employed in the lace trade.

Hull Canon believes that in literature, journalism, art and the drama, the gentler sex stands on a level with the sterner.

Ethel Mary Charles is the first woman in England to adopt architecture as a profession, and she has already taken many prizes.

When Miss Sarah Bernhardt is taking a holiday she spends most of her time in shooting, fishing, boating and cycling. She declares that the only way in which she can get rest is to tire herself out with bodily fatigue.

Miss Lufie A. Lytle, Topeka's colored woman lawyer, has been appointed a member of the faculty of the law department of Central Tennessee college, Nashville. She is said to be the only female lawyer instructor in the world. She will teach the law of domestic relations, evidence, real property, crimes and criminal procedure.

CROUP

Mothers, when your children are attacked by the dreadful croup, you need not despair; Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup will relieve and cure them at once. You can always depend on this marvelous remedy; it always cures.

Dr. Bull's COUGH SYRUP

Will cure Croup without fail.
Doses are small and pleasant to take. Doctors recommend it. Price 25 cts. At all druggists.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, January 2, 1894, I shall make application to the City Council for a license to run a saloon in a building situated on Lot 8, Block 4, Edgemoor & Garwood's Addition to the City of Decatur. Dec. 16-3td

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We doubt whether there is any one little thing on earth that will afford an elderly person so much pleasure as to find a glass that will give them more vision after their eyes once begin to fail; something that will "make them see like they used to." These on the shady side of life are always and eternally "trying" glasses to see if they can find a combination that will restore lost vision.

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15c Each

Soft Bleached Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs.
Hand Embroidered and Hemstitched All Linen Handkerchiefs.
Embroidered and Scaloped All Linen Handkerchiefs.
St. Gall Embroidered Handkerchiefs—60 styles.

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At the above price we show a grand assortment of Hand Embroidered All Linen, Embroidered and Edged with Valenciennes Lace, Fine Linen with Mexican Drawn Work, Fine Linen Cambric Embroidered and edged with Footing. In this line are many Handkerchiefs regularly at 35c, 40c and 50c.

Children's Handkerchiefs

Following are only a few of the many Great Bargains in—
a Plain India Linen Handkerchiefs at 5c.
a Colored Border Handkerchiefs, perfectly set colors, 5c.
a Pure Irish Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, at 10c.
a Hemstitched Hand Embroidered Initial Handkerchiefs at 10c.
a Japonet Handkerchiefs in new designs at 12½c.
a Fine Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs at 15c.
a Linen Cambric Handkerchiefs, hemstitched and hand embroidered Initial, at 25c.
a Fine Linen Cambric hemstitched Handkerchiefs, in 1, 1½, 1½ and 1 inch hem, 25c.
a Japanese Silk Handkerchiefs, hand embroidered Initial, at 25c.
a Japanese Silk Handkerchiefs, extra heavy, with hand embroidered Initial, 48c—former price \$1.00.

MUFFLERS. Our stock of Min's Mufflers is complete. The newest styles in Polka Dots, Plaids, Plain Black and Navy, Brocade and small dainty patterns, ranging in price from 35c to \$1.50.

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New Neckwear.

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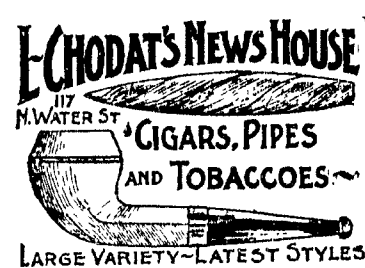
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In boxes of 50.....6 for 25c

Wheeling and Pittsburg Stogies.....3 for 5c

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THE WEATHER.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Illinois: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday, with possibly light showers or snow flurries this afternoon or tonight; brisk southerly winds.

LOCAL NEWS.

Davis—Cabs 23c, Trunks 15c.

Arnold's Bromo-Celery cure had sales, 10, 25, 50 cts. Bell, the cruggist.

Geo. W. Ehrhart loans money on any goods. Collateral, best rates. mch22-11

You pay a little more for the clothes that Denz makes but—

Order Turkey for Christmas at the Royal Market.—12-dtf

Fortune makes him fool, whom she makes her darling.—Bacon.

The Nicest Toilet Cases at Neisler's.—16-dtf

California fruits at Glessner's, 118 East Prairie.

For Sale.—A new sewing machine at one-fourth the regular price. Apply to O. Ewing, corner of West Main and Pine Street.—69-dtf

Oh, if in being forgotten we could only forget.—Low Walker.

Atomizers for everybody at Neisler's.—16-dtf

Better a witty fool than a foolish wit.—Shakespeare.

Why send your money out of town when we take your subscriptions at publishers' prices.

L. CHODAT'S NEWS HOUSE.

Five Per Cent Money.

We have on hand a special fund to loan on first class real estate security at 5 per cent interest. Call at once. Peddecord, Burrows & Co.—31-dtf

AT LARGE.

Horse Blankets and Checks Lost on the Street.

Billy Trowbridge, the driver for the Pacific Express company, lost a package from the wagon containing five blankets and one lap robe, for the firm of J. G. Starr & Sons. They were valued at \$10. The drivers are responsible for the goods entrusted to them to deliver and have to make good the losses.

Well Fed
Well Bred.
you can pick a steady user of
Grape-Nuts.

Proper Food Makes Brainy Men and Beautiful Women.

To know just what to eat is a problem for many people who find their strength and health not keeping up to a proper stage. From food we must expect our bodily nourishment and not from drugs. True, a physician's care is required at times, but the true physician will always seek to put his patient on properly selected food and drink.

A food expert has discovered Grape-Nuts by experimenting on the treatment of grains to artificially prodigest the starches (the principal part). Grape-Nuts as now made by the Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., of Battle Creek, Mich., and sold by grocers generally, is a delicious dainty, suitable particularly for the brain worker, as it quickly supplies the parts of food the body needs to supply the daily loss produced by brain work.



LELAND STANFORD,

chief of the western division of the great railroad system, was a man whose instincts were as noble as his purpose was strong and masterful. He left behind him a reputation that can never perish while California endures. Energy and singleness of purpose ever meets its just reward. Thus C. L. Griswold & Co. are triumphing in their line of Buck's Steel Ranges and Air-Blast Triumph Furnaces.

AT THE GRAND.

"THE MOTH AND FLAME" TO-NIGHT.

The celebrated Kecey-Shannon company has arrived in the city and to-night will appear in "The Moth and Flame."

Herbert Kecey has had a very curious coincidence in beginning his starring season at the same theatre on the same day of the same month in which he made his debut in this country in 1882. The theatre was Wal-lack's, New York, and the date September 13. He played continuously in New York City for 13 years, a record never approached by any actor. The name "Kecey-Shannon" has 13 letters. In his case "13" has proven a fortunate number.

Ellie Shannon is said to be thoroughly versed in the significance of all the signs and omens attending brides and weddings. She was forced to learn them so as to answer the various inquiries from young women while "The Moth and Flame" was running at the Lyceum Theatre, New York.

The wedding dress which Ellie Shannon wears in the church scene of "The Moth and Flame" was made by the fashionable modiste who fashioned the wedding gown of Miss Anna Gould when she married the Count of Castellano.

SI PLUNKARD.

"Si Plunkard" and his company of funny comedians will be in this city Saturday, December 17, at the Grand. Remember the date and secure your seats early. Prices 15, 25 and 35 cents. Parquet 50 cents.

SUNSHINE OF PARADISE ALLEY

An interesting event of the present local season will be the first presentation of Deannan Thompson and George W. Ryon's latest success, "The Sunshine of Paradise Alley," now in the third season of its success, Monday evening, December 19. A play of its sentiment and character should be seen by all lovers of good theatricals, and all reports indicate that its naturalistic authors have another winner and worthy successor to their "Old Homestead." In this presentation all the original scenery and mechanical and electrical effects will be utilized, while the company will in every way be in keeping, consisting of 20 selected players, the Boston Verdi Ladies Quartette and the Acme Male Quartette. We can safely assure the patrons of the Grand that "The Sunshine of Paradise Alley" will more than justify the unusual amount of advertising it has received.

DINING ROOM BURNED.

Fire Started by Little Daughter of Mrs. Sampson.

The little daughter of Mrs. Lora Sampson, living at 420 East Main street set fire to the house yesterday afternoon by playfully igniting a bundle of papers which were lying on the couch in the dining room. Mrs. Sampson was busy in the kitchen and did not discover the fire until the couch and the corner of the room were in a blaze. The fire department was called and succeeded in confining the fire to the dining room. The room contained a dining table and chairs, a dressing case, sewing machine and several other articles of furniture, which were totally destroyed. Mrs. Sampson's clothes were hanging in a closet in the room and her entire wardrobe was ruined by the smoke and water. The paper was burned from the walls, the ceiling badly burned and the carpet entirely destroyed. Mrs. Sampson estimates her loss at \$100. The owner of the house lives in the country and the loss to the room could not be learned. Mrs. Sampson had no insurance.

COUNTY NEWS

DALTON CITY.

Corn Massie transacted business in Decatur last week.

J. L. Hughes transacted business in Decatur last week.

Miss Vida Uppendahl visited friends in Bethany over Sunday.

S. A. Duggan transacted business in Decatur last week.

Dr. Wilson reports a daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Loving, Sunday, December 11.

James Perry transacted business in Sullivan Monday.

Our sheriff, Shorty Foster of Sullivan, transacted business here last week.

Clyde Sturges was shopping in Decatur last week.

George Crum returned from Arkansas last week.

Hon. Dave Doner transacted business in Sullivan last week.

Mrs. Frank McCoy was a visitor in Decatur Monday.

George Babitt transacted business in Decatur Monday.

Lucas Nihiser visited Bethany last week.

Frank Evans, the swell singer from Moultrie, takes great interest in the girls here of late.

New Calendars.

The Decatur Cornice and Roofing Works, the Union Iron Works and the Decatur Brewing Co. have sent out sample calendars for 1894 that are models of beauty in that line. They are especially artistic and an ornament to any desk whether in any lady's boudoir or the business office.

BASKET BALL

Decatur Vs. Springfield
This Evening.

AT CORN CARNIVAL BUILDING.

There Will Also be a Game Between

Second Team and High School

Boys—Indoor Base Ball

—Bowling News

The basket ball game between the Springfield and Decatur Y. M. C. A. teams will be played this evening at the corn carnival building on East William street. It will be a great game and those who attend are assured good sport. The Decatur team went to Springfield a few weeks ago and were defeated, but they have been practicing a good deal since then and hope to be victorious this evening. In addition to the big game there will be another game between the second Y. M. C. A. team and the High School team.

Before the game begins someone will explain for the benefit of the spectators the principles of the game so that if there are any present who do not understand the game they will be able to enjoy the good plays. The Springfield boys will be the guests of the local Y. M. C. A. and every effort will be made to make their stay a pleasant one as the Springfield association entertained the Decatur players elaborately when they visited that city. Seats will be arranged for the spectators so that everyone present will be able to be comfortable while witnessing the game.

INDOOR BALL.

Some time ago an indoor base ball team from Chicago asked to come to Decatur and play, but as there was no team in this city it was impossible to arrange for a game. Since that time there has been a good deal of talk of organizing an indoor base ball team in this city. The game affords a good winter sport and it is likely that some steps toward its organization of that kind will be taken.

BOWLING NEWS.

Clarence Soivers is talking some of starting another bowling alley. He has been considering the matter for some time and is now figuring on the purchase of the necessary apparatus. He has not yet fully decided what he will do in the matter.

On Saturday evening there will be another match game. It will be between the Dewey club and the Amateurs and will take place at the Floyd alley on North Main street.

Knights Templar Elect.

Beaumont Commandery, No. 9, Knights Templar, last evening elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing year:

Eminent Commander—George A. Stadler.

Generalissimo—M. F. Metz.

Captain General—S. D. May.

Senior Warden—John W. Graves.

Junior Warden—W. O. Halstead.

Prelate—A. M. Werner.

Treasurer—J. N. Baker.

Recorder—J. W. Carter.

Trustees—G. A. Stadler, D. S. Shollabarger, W. H. Starr, George S. Durfee and F. M. Cox.

There are a number of appointive offices which will be filled by the eminent commander at some later date.

Notice.

The Salvation Army of Decatur will give a free dinner for the poor on Monday, December 26. Everyone is asked to lend a helping hand so all that are interested and willing to help in the Christmas dinner will please send their gifts to the Army hall. Donations in money can be sent to Room 17, Syndicate block. Food of all kinds received at the Army hall Saturday, December 24, or early Monday morning, December 26. All donations will be thankfully received by the officers in charge. Ensign Kierstead and Lieutenant Wilson.—15-dtf

Holiday Rates.

The P. D. and E. Ry. will sell tickets between points on its line on December 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31 and January 1, at rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip. Tickets good returning until January 3. Call on your ticket agent for particulars as to territory.—2-28d

May Irwin may be found after the play usually devouring a hot sandwich and a glass of fresh milk from her own farm.

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A POPULAR MISTAKE

Regarding Remedies for Dyspepsia and Indigestion.

The national disease of Americans is indigestion or in its chronic form, dyspepsia, and for the very reason that it is so common many people neglect taking proper treatment for what they consider trifling stomach trouble, when as a matter of fact, indigestion lays the foundation for many incurable diseases. No person with a vigorous, healthy stomach will fall a victim to consumption. Many kidney diseases and heart troubles date their beginning from poor digestion; thin, nervous people are really so because their stomachs are out of gear; weary, languid, faded out women owe their condition to imperfect indigestion.

When nearly every person you meet is afflicted with weak digestion it is not surprising that nearly every secret patent medicine on the market claims to be a cure for dyspepsia, as well as a score of other troubles, when in fact, as Dr. Werthier says, there is but one genuine dyspepsia cure which is perfectly safe and reliable, and moreover, this remedy is not a patent medicine, but it is a scientific combination of pure pepsin (free from animal matter), vegetable essences, fruit salts and bismuth. It is sold by druggists under name of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. No extravagant claims are made for them, but for indigestion or any stomach trouble, Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are far ahead of any remedy yet discovered. They act on the food eaten, no dieting is necessary, simply eat all the wholesome food you want and these tablets will digest it. A cure results, because all the stomach needs is a rest, which Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets give by doing the work of digestion.

Druggists sell these tablets at 50 cts. per package. Circulars and testimonials sent free by addressing F. A. Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich.

NOVEL WINDOWS.

Santa Goes Up Stove Pipe—Starts

Out for Hawaii at Scovill's—The

Wonderful Floating Head.

Very few cities the size of Decatur make the effort at window decoration that is carried on to such an extent here, the merchants of the city employing some of the best artists in that line in the country to do the work. Scovill has always had the reputation of being the originator of novel window attractions in the city and people have grown to watch for his window display, knowing that something new, novel and interesting will certainly be shown. He has not disappointed the public this year and his windows are proving the center of attraction. Yesterday afternoon and today fully 500 people at a time were lined up on the sidewalk and street, an immense crowd at each window. The school children have carried the news and every day at the close of school the children pour in crowds for a peep at the many ways Santa Claus is finding to amuse himself. In one window he is taking a sail in a tiny sailboat set in a sea of blue. The boat is filled with toys which he evidently intends for the new cousins of the American children across the sea. An interested party of dolls stand on a bridge and watch him as he starts on his voyage. At another window on North Park street Santa Claus is illustrating his method of coming down the chimney. He slips into the grate where a bright fire is burning, disappears up the chimney through a six inch pipe and finally appears at the top of the chimney covered with soot from his expedition.

The wonderful floating living head has attracted an immense crowd each day. The head rests on three brass rods and by the aid of mirrors appears to float in space.

A reporter stood on the outside watching Santa's wonderful performance of going through a six inch stove pipe when two little girls came up with a nurse and stood watching the feat with breathless interest. They looked awe stricken when Santa disappeared over the fire into the chimney, but were delighted to find him all right at the top. When he came down one of the children whispered something to the nurse and she nodded assent. They went in and the reporter followed. They called for Santa Claus and he came forward smiling. The little tot stepped up with great earnestness and told her errand. "Would Santa Claus please bring her a set of dishes with blue bands and a sled painted blue," she asked, her voice faltering at the end from sheer fright and pleased expectancy. Santa smiled in the most pleasant manner. "Certainly he would," he promised, and the reporter went away feeling that he had meant every word he said.

Midwinter Fair.

The ladies of the First Congregational church will hold a midwinter fair next week in a down town store building for the purpose of disposing of the articles which were not sold at the recent sale. They consist of fancy and useful articles, suitable for Christmas gifts and will be offered at an opportune time for this purpose.

Finance Committee.

The members of the finance committee will hold a meeting at the city clerk's office this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1893.

INSANITY IN SWITZERLAND.

The following from a letter written by Consul Frankenthal, Bern, Switzerland, relating to the case with which one in that country may land in an insane asylum, indicates there is room for reform in that sunny land: "Switzerland is a record breaker as regards insanity. In a population of a little over 3,000,000, the republic had 6160 persons in state insane asylums last year. There are no laws for the commitment of insane persons. No judicial proceedings, such as a trial before a competent court or expert commission, are followed; but simply the written assertion of an ordinary physician, who need not be a specialist on insanity, that in his belief the person is insane, is deemed sufficient for the seizure and confinement of such an accused person in an asylum.

"The following case will illustrate what can happen to an American citizen in Switzerland: Julius Gerber, born in Switzerland in 1861, emigrated to the United States in 1879. In 1893, having saved enough money to gratify his desire of visiting his birthplace, he took passage from New York. Unfortunately, he was robbed of his savings on the steamer and arrived in Switzerland in a destitute condition. The Swiss law proclaims, 'Once a Swiss citizen, always a Swiss citizen,' in spite of a native's prolonged absence in another country and of his swearing allegiance to and becoming a citizen thereof, thus making a peculiar quality of citizenship. The knowledge of this law of his native country induced Gerber to apply for admission to a labor colony, a kind of public work house in this city. The work he was put to was hard, while the food, so he told me, was entirely insufficient. His hope of getting back to the United States and his continuous harping thereon earned for him the name of a homesick melancholic, and he was sent for mental examination to a hospital.

"A physician, not an authority on insanity, gave a certificate declaring Gerber insane. While in the hospital and awaiting transportation to one of the insane asylums, Gerber escaped to the consulate and asked for protection as an American citizen. At my suggestion, he agreed to return to the hospital for further observation, where he was at liberty to go about as he pleased. In his conversations with me, no traces of insanity or hallucinations were discernible—simply a reiteration in a most natural manner of wanting to return to the United States, where he could get work to which he was accustomed.

"After several interviews with the authorities, I proposed to pay half of his fare to the United States, provided they would pay the other half. This they at last agreed to do. The same physician, who so willingly made out a certificate declaring Gerber insane, was equally ready a week later to give me another pronouncing 'the man's mental and physical condition such that, without danger to himself or others, he could travel in safety.' Gerber left, cheerful and contented on October 20, for the United States."

Among other thing Senator Vest proposes to distinguish himself on this session is pensions. He made a speech on this subject Wednesday and is thus reported: "Mr. Vest again called attention to private pension bills, and entered a protest against their passage without due consideration, as he said the Senate was falling into the habit of doing. He called attention to the fact that notwithstanding Illinois had furnished 65,000 more soldiers than Indiana, the pension roll for Indiana exceeded that of Illinois by \$1,500,000. He accounted for this by the fact on the ground that Indiana is a pivotal state politically, saying that it was notorious that the commissioner of pensions, who was an ex-union soldier, had granted pensions to almost every applicant in political districts which are close. He did not contend that the Republican party was alone to blame, but knew that men of all parties were inclined to use the machinery of the pension office to further their political interests. He was cognizant of an instance in his own state in which a Democratic candidate for Congress had received several Republican votes because he had secured pensions for the voters. He had endorsed Mr. Cleveland's vote of pension bills, and while he did not want to revive the old questions, he would express the opinion that the government had in this matter fallen into a most unjust and iniquitous expenditure by its ill-advised legislation and through political influences, characterizing the government as an accident insurance company."

Ban F. Caldwell will read this with some interest, and recollections as to promises for votes.

The members of the Astor battery now at Manila have organized what they call a Devoted Association.

The object is to settle in the Philippines and promote the development of the island as soon as they are discharged from the service. They believe there is a great future for the new possessions.

The American people interested in teaching Europe the use of corn for food will organize a maize kitchen as one of the features of the American exhibits at the Paris exposition. Europeans might as well prepare to accept corn as an article of food for sooner or later Uncle Sam will make her eat the corn cake.

Dewey favors retaining the Philippines, while the Democratic party is getting together on the proposition to oppose annexation. Probably these fellows have actually made themselves believe Dewey is a Democrat and want to escape nominating him for president.

Bryan seems to be willing to accept the treaty and says that after that we can dispose of the Philippines in our own way, but he is careful not to suggest the way. Neither a pullback nor an objector ever attempted to point a way out of a difficulty he claims to have discovered.

The south seems to enjoy the presence of McKinley among them judging by the amount of cheering they are reported to be indulging in. It is a good time to cheer as the country is again united.

Capt. William F. Knoch, who handled the famous sesamoid bone in the Leutgers case, is reported in a dangerous condition due to blood poisoning contracted, his physicians say, from virus on the sesamoid.

Really, to be frank about it, William Jennings Bryan is in favor of a few cooling stations with apologies. He is the person who in 1896 heard from a few polling stations he tried to retain.

After all Sagasta is to be congratulated on holding on to the premiership in Spain as long as he has, providing he is able to draw his pay.

SPEAK OUT.

The Search Light of Publicity is Pleasing Decatur People.

Publicity is what the people want. Let the public speak on the subject. There has been too much claim—too little proof.

Claims made by strangers are not proof. Claims endorsed by strangers are no proof.

There is only one kind of proof for a Decatur citizen.

The experience of people we know. When friends and neighbors endorse, make public statement of their case. There can be no question about such evidence.

This is the proof we have, which backs every box of Doan's Kidney Pills.

No other kidney pills, no other kidney remedy.

Can produce such proof. Here is one case of the many we have:

Samuel Shupp, Grocer at 214 West Main street, residing at 838 West Wood street, says: "I have been troubled for some time with pain across my back or a weakness across my kidneys. My back has been so weak that I could not hold a five pound weight without being in extreme misery. When my body was in action, such as stooping or turning about it always increased the pain. I used a good many plasters, but they only eased by back for the time being. I saw Doan's Kidney Pills advertised and backed up with good references so I made up my mind to try them and I got a box at a drugstore. They relieved the pain in my back and strengthened my kidneys. They are certainly a good remedy for weak kidneys, and I consider Doan's Kidney Pills the best I have ever used. You may publish my statement and I will endorse it whenever the occasion demands it."

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Flowers are the sweetest thing that God ever made and forgot to put a soul in—Beecher.

We may forgive those who bore us; we cannot forgive those whom we bore.—La Rochefoucauld.

Two Pointed Questions Answered.

What is the use of making a better article than your competitor if you cannot get a better price for it?

Ans.—As there is no difference in the price the public will buy only the better, so that while our profits may be smaller on a single sale they will be much greater in the aggregate.

How can you make the public know your make is the best?

If both articles are brought prominently before the public both are certain to be tried and the public will very quickly pass judgment on them and use only the better one.

As explains the large sale on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The people have been using it for years and have found that it can always be depended upon. They may occasionally take up with some fashionable novelty put forth with exaggerated claims, but are certain to return to the one remedy that they know to be reliable, and for coughs, colds and croup there is nothing equal to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by J. F. King and C. F. Shill.

FOLLOWED THE DRUMMER.

Thereby the Stranger in Town Was Enabled to Find Where to Get Something to Eat.

One of Chicago's most enterprising commercial travelers has just returned from an extended trip among the middle western states, down in the mule belt region, and tells the following good one on himself:

"A freight train off the track had delayed our passenger train several hours, so that we could not reach the town of W— until near midnight. This was the next town on my route and I could not afford to skip it, as I had several good customers there. As I expected, there were no conveyances at the depot and I had to foot it nearly a mile to my hotel. I had not gone far before I had reason to suspect I was being shadowed. I had noticed a tall man with a slouch hat turning a corner every time I did and keeping about 50 paces or so behind me. Turning to take a good look at him, I recognized him as the silent stranger whom I had met in the smoking car, and while several of us were having a good time I remembered that he paid close attention to our conversation, particularly while I was talking about my business.

"Not a soul was in sight, the main street was but dimly lighted and most of the streets were not lighted at all. In vain I crossed and recrossed streets, even doubling on my track. The stranger in the slouch hat did the same. I became thoroughly convinced he was a hold-up man, grade 'A' and meant immediate business. But I determined he should not catch me napping. Setting my grips on the street walk, I abruptly turned about and faced the sneaking scoundrel. He at once stopped, hesitated and then boldly advanced toward me. My right hand was thrust in my overcoat pocket, firmly grasping the latest improved style of revolver, and in less than a second I could have brought it into perfect action. But I didn't. I waited for him to get within a few feet of me, when I hailed him in not very gentle terms with: 'See here! What in Halifax are you following me around for? What do you want?' It's just possible I didn't say 'Halifax.'

"The stranger was not at all disconcerted. He came straight up to me and in bland and apologetic tones said: 'I beg your pardon, sir, but, hearing your conversation on the train, I learned your business. There being no cabs here and not knowing the town and being ravenously hungry, I concluded to follow you, for I reasoned that if there was anything good to eat in this old town a Chicago drummer would be sure to find it.'

"We were both reassured, I as to my fear of being sandwiched, he as to his appetite. But the dinner, the wine, the cigars and the joke were on me, and I paid for them without a murmur, thinking I got out of it cheap." — Chicago Chronicle.

TREATMENT OF ITCHING.

Various Kinds of Cutaneous Irritations and Remedies for Alleviating Them.

Persistent itching is a symptom of many diseases of the skin, but it may also be a sign of disorder of some of the internal organs, more particularly of the liver or kidneys. Sometimes, however, it occurs in persons who appear to be otherwise in perfect health, and who have no visible affection of the skin.

Temporary itching is often caused by the eating of certain articles of food, especially shell fish; even fruits, such as strawberries, are eaten by some unfortunate individuals only at the expense of a most annoying itching of the entire body for an hour or two.

That form of itching for which no cause can be found on the surface of the body or within it, is regarded by most physicians as a nervous malady, and has been dignified by the special name, "pruritis," which is simply the Latin name for itching. Persons of advanced life sometimes suffer severely from a pruritis which is exceedingly difficult or impossible to relieve, for the reason that it is due to changes in the skin consequent upon old age.

A very common form of pruritis is caused by cold acting upon the skin, and is called for this reason "winter itch." It is felt chiefly on the insides of the legs and thighs, although it may occur on the upper extremities, or even over the entire body. It gives no trouble in summer, or even in warm days in winter, but in frosty, snappy weather it is intense. Coarse underclothing may aggravate it, but it occurs even when the finest and smoothest silk is worn. It is usually worse at night when the sufferer is undressing, but gets better as he warms up in bed.

The treatment of itching varies with the cause, but some form of external application is almost always used, whatever may be the underlying trouble. In case of general itching much relief is often afforded by an alkaline bath made by dissolving three or four ounces of borax, or five or six ounces of bicarbonate of soda in 30 gallons of water.

When the itching is local, a useful plan is to mop the part with a sponge or cloth dipped in a saturated solution of borax as hot as can be borne, or to apply a hot water bag. The itching is often made bearable, if not actually cured, by applications of dilute water of ammonia, vinegar, brandy, a solution of carbolic acid—one part of acid in 20 parts of water—or carbolic oil of 20 per cent. strength.

Finally we may repeat the advice which doctors always give, and which few do or can follow—don't scratch!—Youth's Companion.

ANSWERS TO LEARN.

She—They say the Clippersons have always lived away beyond their means. He—I wonder if we could get them to show us how?—Chicago Evening News.

Mr. Hardin Norris, clerk of the drug store of R. Shoemaker, Perry, Ill., says: "A man came into our store the other day and said, 'I want a bottle of that stuff that saves children's lives. I read in the News about it. The children may get sick when we can not get the doctor quick enough. It's the medicine you sell for croup.' He alluded to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and bought a bottle before he left the store. For sale by J. E. King and C. F. Shill.



If mothers would cast aside foolish prudery, and impart to their daughters the knowledge that they themselves have acquired by years of suffering, they would be forced to spend fewer hours of anxious attendance at the bedside of sick daughters.

A woman who suffers from weakness, disease, or derangement of the distinctly feminine organs is an incomplete woman. She is unfitted for woman's highest and best duty—motherhood. She cannot be a happy wife or the mistress of a happy home. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the only proprietary medicine ever devised by an expert skilled specialist in women's diseases for the cure, purpose of curing these troubles in the privacy of the home. It makes a woman strong and healthy in a womanly way, and can be relied upon to relieve motherhood of all peril and almost all pain. It insures healthy, robust children. It transforms weak, sickly, nervous invalids into healthy, happy wives and mothers.

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In paper covers, 21-cent stamps; cloth binding, 50 cents extra. Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

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Reserved Seats on Sale the Opera House Drug Store Thursday, Dec. 15.

GONE TO THE JURY

The Merritt vs Wheeler Case is Closed.

FINAL SPEECHES BY LAWYERS

Were Made Today—There Will Be More Trials by Juries This Term of Court.

The \$10,000 damage suit of Merritt vs. Wheeler, which has been on in the circuit court for several weeks, came to close this afternoon and case went to the jury. This afternoon Attorney Crea for the plaintiff made his address and then Attorney Gray and Buckingham, for the defense, spoke. This afternoon Attorney Leforge made his final argument.

NO MORE TRIALS. There will be no more jury trials in the circuit court this term. The forenoon session Judge Van Coudere presided over the trial, who were not on the jury in the case. The judge stated that was enough chancery business to occupy all of next week and that would be no more jury trials next term.

INJUNCTION ISSUED. Attorney Leforge this morning out an injunction enjoining the firm of Ewing & Baldwin from a case which was set for today. The case came out of a trade mark case between George Powers, the shoe merchant in 1895. Mr. Powers traded a pair of boots and shoes for a tract of land in Iowa, subject to some conditions. The mortgage was foreclosed and a deficiency judgment rendered.

The agent was sent to Decatur to a suit instituted through Attorney F. Smith, who has since turned business over to Ewing & Baldwin for the amount due, as Mr. Leforge had agreed to pay the mortgage. That it was canceled. The case was called for trial last Monday by agreement set for today, morning Leforge, who is a lawyer, caused the injunction to be issued against all Iowa parties, especially against Ewing & Baldwin, enjoining prosecution and claim have equitable relief as against law proceedings in the matter. The matter has simply been delayed the case will come up for trial January term of court.

For Pneumonia. Dr. J. C. Bishop, of Agnew, says: "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar in three very severe cases of pneumonia the past month with good results." H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, Hubbard.

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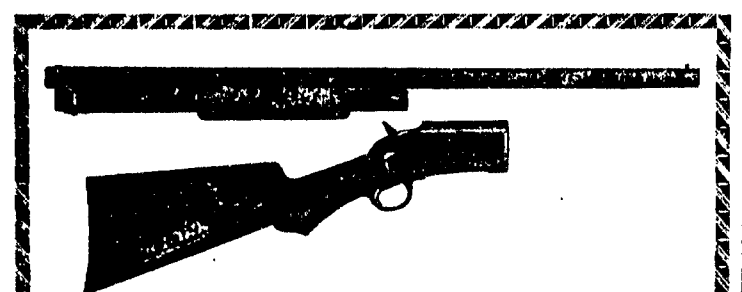
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LOCAL NEWS.

Triple Extract, 25 cents oz. at Neilsen's.—16-d1w

Davis' 15c delivery. Cab, 25c.

Smoke the Little Joker—5 cent cigar Pictures and Frames at Melchers' Art Store south of the Postoffice.

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keel.

Visit the Grand tonight and enjoy the Kelsey-Shannon comedy company performance

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-d1f

The Decatur Euchre club was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roach of West North street last evening.

Smoke the Little J. Guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor.—1-d1f

Fine candies at Glossner's, 148 East Prairie.

The family favorite pianos are the famous Chickering and Packard instruments. You will find them at the C. B. Prescott music house.

Roast Pig for Christmas at the Royal Market.—12-d1f

The members of the Social Dancing club held another of their enjoyable dances in the Columbia hall last evening. About 20 couples were in attendance.

Do you want plastering done? If so telephone 1463, old 'phone. Decatur Hard Plaster Co. Perry & Oren.—5-d1f

Mrs. Bert Hardy is mourning the loss of Jappy, her handsome St. Bernard, who died last Sunday. He had been in the family for years and not only the members of the family, but the neighbors were greatly attached to him.

Dinner, supper and all day sale at First Presbyterian church, Saturday, December 17. Dinner 11 to 2, supper 5 to 7.—14-d3t

Mrs. Hill's home made candies at Presbyterian sale Saturday.—14-d3t

Presbyterian Sale.

Come to the Presbyterian sale on Saturday. Christmas novelties, handkerchiefs, aprons and many useful articles to tempt the buyer. Mince meat, cakes, puddings, canned fruits, etc., for busy housekeepers at Domestic table.—14-d3t

Damage Suit.

On Thursday Isabelle McHenry of Moweaqua, through her attorneys, John and Housman, filed in the circuit court a big damage suit against Dr. W. H. Sparling of Moweaqua and Dr. W. M. Catto of Decatur. Only the principle was filed and it is not known on what her claim is grounded. She asks for damages in the sum of \$20,000.

Going Home to Spend Christmas.

Cheap rates via the P. D. and E. Ry. during the holidays. Confer freely with ticket agent as to particulars, or correspond with A. G. Palmer, G. P. A. P. D. and E. Ry., Evansville, Ind.—3-28d

Yellow Jaundice Cured.

Suffering humanity should be supplied with every means possible for its relief. It is with pleasure we publish the following: "This is to certify that I was a terrible sufferer from Yellow Jaundice for over six months, and was treated by some of the best physicians in our city and all to no avail. Dr. Boll, our druggist, recommended Electric Bitters; and after taking two bottles I was entirely cured. I now take great pleasure in recommending them to any person suffering from this terrible malady. I am gratefully yours, M. A. Hogarty, Lexington, Ky."

Sold by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling, Druggists.

Rev. Jones Again Called.

Rev. Bedford Jones, formerly rector of All Angels' church in this city, who recently accepted a call to a charge at Elkhart, Ill., has received another call to the Church of the Good Shepherd at Columbus, Ohio. He has not decided as to his acceptance.

While There is Life There is Hope.

I was afflicted with catarrh; could neither taste nor smell and could hear but little. Elys Cream Balm cured it.—Marcus G. Shantz, Railway, N. J.

The Balm reached me safely and the effect is surprising. My son says the first application gave decided relief. Respectfully, Mrs. Franklin Freeman, Dover, N. H.

A 10c trial size or the 50c size of Elys' Cream Balm will be mailed. Kept by druggists. Elys Brothers, 56 Warren St., N. Y.

J. A. Hiser lost a check for \$50 yesterday. It was drawn on the Cerro Gordo bank and signed by Oscar East. The police were notified.

TRY GRAIN-O! TRY GRAIN-O!

Ask Your Grocer today to show you a package of GRAIN-O the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it like it. GRAIN-O has that rich, velvety brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. 34 the price of coffee. 15c and 25c. per package. Sold by all grocers.

OYSTER SUPPER

Given Last Evening by
Retail Grocers.

AT THE ST. NICHOLAS HOTEL

Members of the Association and
Other Grocers of the City At-
tended a Pleasant Affair—Af-
ter Dinner Speeches.

At the St. Nicholas hotel last evening the members of the Retail Grocers' association gave an oyster supper which was a most enjoyable affair. The attendance was not as large as was expected owing to the fact that there were a number of other events taking place on the same evening, but those who were present enjoyed themselves exceedingly. The company included about 30 grocers of the city and representatives of the press.

The regular business of the association was held at 8 o'clock at the hall at No. 157 East Main street. Among other business transacted Elmer Culver and J. B. Fritz were chosen as delegates to attend the state convention which is to be held at Galesburg in February. There were present a number of grocers who are not members of the association, but who were invited to be present and learn the purposes of the society.

THE BANQUET.

At the close of the business meeting the gentlemen proceeded to the St. Nicholas hotel to partake of the oyster supper. Tables were prepared in the large dining room. The supper was a delightful one and the manner in which it was served was highly creditable to Mr. Neipp, the proprietor of the hotel. It was the first affair of the kind that has been under his direction since he assumed control of the hotel and he established for himself a reputation as an excellent caterer. The menu was as follows:

Oyster Stew.
Celery. Crackers.
Fried Oysters.
Saratoga Chips. Vienna Bread.
Macaroni Ice Cream. Cakes.
Coffee. Cigars.

The corps of colored waiters served the supper under the supervision of W. C. Wright, the head waiter.

CLOYD TALKED.

When supper was over J. G. Cloyd, who presided at the head of the table, made a few remarks. He said that there were to be seven speakers, but that none of them were present and this fact should be a relief to the company. He said the object of the meeting was not to show off good clothes or make fine speeches, but simply to come together and have a pleasant evening and talk matters over, and endeavor to create a good feeling among the grocers so that they would not talk about each other. In stating the purpose of the Retail Grocers' association Mr. Cloyd said that the society was to prevent the wholesalers from selling direct to the consumer, to go after the peddlers and hawkers and make them pay a license and to protect the dealers against dead beats. On the latter subject he spoke at length, saying that the dealers should compare notes so that when a man beat one grocer he could not beat another.

OTHER SPEECHES.

Mr. Cloyd called upon Mr. Riddell of the wholesale firm of Riddell and Letts, to speak. Mr. Riddell made a few remarks saying that he was glad to be present and complimented the members of the association on their organization.

Mr. Cloyd next called upon John Washburn to speak, referring to him as "Sweet Potato John," but Mr. Washburn asked to be excused from responding.

S. E. Coy made a few remarks and George B. Fulton talked about the protection of the grocers against loss by crediting persons who would not pay. Elmer Culver also spoke about the dead beats and said that he thought that the grocers would become interested in the association and would join it if they realized the benefit to be gained. There were also some remarks by William Neidmeyer in regard to the conduct of the smaller grocery stores. President Cloyd stated, while he regretted that more who were invited did not attend, he thought the meeting and supper had been a great success and the party then dispersed.

NEW OPERATING ROOM

Is Talked of for St. Mary's Hospital
—It is Badly Needed.

The plans are complete for remodeling of the present operating at St. Mary's hospital and the contract for the work will be given out in a short time unless other plans are made. The present room is entirely inadequate in many respects and the surgeons of the city are very greatly interested in bringing about the proposed change. The room used for this purpose is located at the northeast corner of the building on the second floor. Its dimensions are 19x14½ feet. There are two windows to the east and one to the north. In remodeling the room two small rooms will be partitioned off, one in the northwest and the other in the southwest corner of the room, the one to be used as an

anesthetic and the other as a dressing room. The anesthetic room will be built in the northwest corner so as to include the north window. A tiled floor will be laid in the main room sloping to the drain at the southeast corner and marble base boards will be added. The two windows to the east will be thrown into one, making a large window 11 feet wide, thus insuring an abundance of light.

The necessity for a room of this sort has been felt among the surgeons for some time and the new room will be a model of modern convenience. The plans were drawn by Dr. John T. Miller, but the giving out of the contract is not yet definitely decided.

NUPTIAL VOWS.

Spoken Last Evening by Miss Mary
Lewis and Charles Cyrus
Miller—Price-Barry.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Lewis of 1065 North College street was the scene of a happy occurrence last evening in the marriage of their daughter, Mary Louise, and Charles Cyrus Miller. The nuptial blessing was spoken by Dr. W. H. Penhallow of the First Presbyterian church at 8 o'clock in the presence of about 30 guests.

The bride was gownned in a dress of white Persian lawn, trimmed with Valenciennes lace. A musical program was offered by the College Hill Mandolin club. The rooms were handsomely decorated in holly, evergreens, fern, chrysanthemums, bride's roses and smilax.

The couple were the recipients of a number of handsome gifts among them being a deed to 100 acres of land from the groom's father, William C. Miller of West Wood street.

The young couple went to house-keeping in their new home on West Wood street, which has just been built and furnished in sumptuous style by the groom, who is an enterprising and successful traveling salesman.

Among the guests were Lee Maxey and Miss Kate Maxey of Pasfield, Miss.; A. L. Adams, Irene Snyder and Daisy Armstrong of Moweaqua, Arthur Brown and Miss Agnes Brown of Blue Mound, Mr. and Mrs. John Berkeley and Mr. and Mrs. Newton Orr of Argenta.

PRICE-BARRY.

Miss Minnie A. Barry and Thomas L. Price were married at Taylorville on Thursday. The bride is a sister of Mrs. Charles Dunnigan of this city and the groom is a business man of Fort Worth, Texas. The couple left for a trip to Chicago and the east. They will reside at Fort Worth.

FOUR MEN HURT

When an Explosion Occurred at the
Cereal Mill on Thursday.

Thursday afternoon about 4 o'clock an explosion occurred at the Decatur Cereal Mill in the eastern part of the city. Four men were injured, but none of them dangerously. South of the mill there is a small one story frame building in which is located a drying plant and it was in this building that the accident occurred. There were three explosions, one following the other, and the building was damaged \$20 by the force of the explosion. Harry Shaw, millwright, John Boland, foreman of the Decatur Cereal Works, Amos Glatfelter and J. B. Edwards were in the building and were injured. Shaw was badly burned about the head and face, Boland was also painfully burned but the injuries of the other two men were not as serious.

The small building had been in use about two weeks and before the accident occurred some repairs had been made. It is not known just what caused the explosion as different opinions are given by the men who were working about the place.

The chemical was called but the flames which followed the explosion were easily extinguished by a stream from the mill. Shaw, Glatfelter and Edwards were taken to the office of Dr. Will Barnes, who dressed their wounds and Boland was taken to Dr. Catto's office to receive medical attention.

SECOND NUMBER

Of Y. M. C. A. Course Pleases a
Large Audience.

The Boston Ladies' Symphony Orchestra presented a splendid program to the large audience at the opera house last night and fully fulfilled the expectations of the patrons of the Y. M. C. A. course, who heard the company in the same course last winter. The work of the soloists was especially fine and the entire program was well given, each number being vigorously executed. The Boston Ladies' Symphony Orchestra is a favorite and will never play to empty chairs in Decatur.

Mme. Jannaschek, one of the old-school actresses, always has a good hearty supper. She has been seen eating pigs' feet and cabbage with beer.

ELKS ENTERTAIN.

Stag Party Given by the
Lodge Last Night.

ATTENDED BY TWO HUNDRED

Members of the Lodge and Their
Friends—Music and Songs by
Various Persons—Speeches
Were Made.

At their rooms in the opera house block last evening the members of the local lodge of Elks gave an entertainment which was the most elaborate social affair that the organization has yet attempted. It was a stag party and there were about 200 persons present including members and their friends. The affair was a celebration of the first anniversary of the lodge and was also in honor of the gentlemen who were not members and who assisted in the Elks' minstrel show given at the opera house some time ago.

In the early part of the evening a musical program was rendered as follows:

Overture—Opera House Orchestra.
Songs and Specialties—Arthur Gillespie.

Selection—College Hill Mandolin Club.

Jokes—Allerton Freeman.

Violin Duet—Prof. Walters and Leo Heilbrun.

Vocal Solo—Linn Radcliff.

Recitation—Andy Freeman.

Vocal Solo—Jack Myers.

Vocal Solo—Ben Freeman.

Vocal Solo—Wilbur Starling.

Finis—Allerton Freeman.

The session was presided over by Charles Ewing of Sedalia, Mo. The program was concluded at 11 o'clock and then a number of impromptu numbers were given. A toast was given in remembrance of the absent brothers. Dr. Maienthal acted as toastmaster. Later in the evening addresses were made by Mayor Taylor, W. A. Garrett of the Wabash, Harry L. Oldham, J. C. Hostetler and Will Emnis. Chairman Orr and the members of the board of supervisors, who were in the city, were guests of the Elks. The following Elks from out of the city were also in attendance: Charles Ewing, Sedalia, Mo.; W. S. Deyo, St. Louis; Charles Cassell, Chicago; W. S. Bricker, Argenta, E. A. Vassing, Toledo; D. A. Costello and E. M. Cantle, St. Louis. Lunch was served throughout the evening at tables arranged about the rooms and those who desired to do so indulged in billiard and pool games.

The Elks have very attractive rooms, handsomely furnished, being supplied with a new piano, a fine music box, a phonograph and other accessories. The members of the organization demonstrated again last night that they are princes of good fellows and everyone of the guests felt that it was a pleasure and a privilege to be present.

A SUCCESS

Was the "Hard Times" Social Given
by the Ladies' Aid and Sons
of Veterans Last Night.

The hard times social given by the Ladies' Aid society and Sons of Veterans in their hall, corner of Winter and West Wood last evening was a success socially and financially. The idea of hard times was carried out in the costumes of the members and afforded a great deal of amusement for the occasion.

There were several guessing contests. A cake that was given to the young lady receiving the largest number of votes was won by Miss Dana Crump, the doll was won by little Bessie Wood and the quilt by John Kingsley, who held ticket No. 126. Mr. Kingsley was not present and the quilt was taken to the home of Mr. Garrow at 149 East Packard street, where the owner may call for it. The fancy counter, which was in charge of Miss Ida Haworth, was well patronized. The program was given as follows:

Overture—Maxwell's Orchestra.

Recitation—Mrs. Nita Goulet.

Reading—Mrs. Shen.

Recitation—Miss Bessie White.

Refreshments of brown bread, baked beans, pickles and coffee were served.

Bound Over.

James Taylor, alias Moore, who was arrested several days ago with two pieces of dress goods which were stolen from Gushard's store in his possession, was before Justice Hardy Thursday afternoon. He waived examination and was sent back to the county jail in default of a bond of \$25.

The temperature for December, taking the average for 10 years, in the Klondike, is 40 degrees below zero.

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